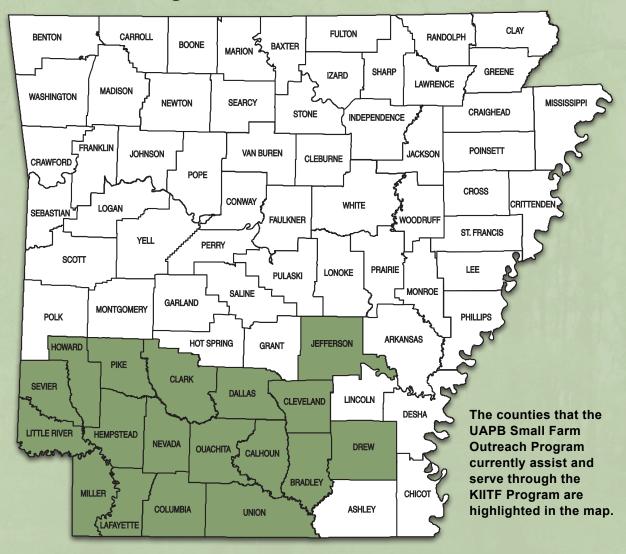
## University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff SFLR KIITF Program

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Sustainable Forestry
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# "Keeping it in the Family"



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### Sustainable Forestry African American Land Retention Program (SFLR) "Keeping it in the Family"

The Keeping it in the Family (KIITF) Program provides African American forest landowners, including those with heir's property, education about forest management, forestry improvement programs and the use of the local forestry infrastructure in managing and harvesting timber. Another important component to the program is educating landowners on what it means to own heir's property, how to prevent further fragmentation, options for resolving heir's property and how to have conversations with family members to begin the process of forest management.

One objective of the project is to address the issue of black land loss and provide participants with enough information so that logical decisions can be made to keep their land in their family. Families are provided direct assistance to help them decide if their land will be an asset or a liability for the family.

The project is funded through grant funds provided by the American Forest Foundation (AFF), the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and others. Similar projects are conducted in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia. This combination of projects is referred to as the Sustainable Forestry Land Retention (SFLR) Network.



## Services Offered at No Cost to Landowners



Forestry management educational workshops



Personalized site visits with professionals to properties of African Americans



Forest stewardship or practice plans



Assistance in using USDA programs to help with costs to improve forestland



Assistance in using local infrastructure for land improvement and harvesting



Education and assistance with heir's property issues

### **Project Activities**

Workshops are conducted in African American community buildings where information on forestry management, conservation programs, heir's property, consulting foresters and obtaining Farm Serial Numbers (FSNs) for properties is explained. The project also provides forest tours to show participants forest improvement practices.



#### **Partners**

Several groups work with the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) to help implement the KIITF program. They are:

- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Arkansas Department of Agriculture, Forestry Division (ADA - Forestry Division)
- Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts (AACD)
- Farm Service Agency (FSA)
- Silas H. Hunt Community Development Corporation (SHHCDC)

### **Enroll in the Program Today**

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